

# Park Street Press



## Dates for your diary

- 11/09/23:** 9:00am Meet the Teacher Y1
- 12/09/23:** 9:00am Meet the Teacher Y2
- 13/09/23:** 9:00am Meet the Teacher Y3
- 14/09/23:** 9:00am Meet the Teacher Y4  
Forest School—Reception & KS1
- 15/09/23:** 9:00am Meet the Teacher Y5/6
- 21/09/23:** Rapid Fire Cricket Final (Y5)
- 22/09/23:** 9:05am Y5/6 assembly (parents welcome)
- 26/09/23:** European Day of Languages
- 29/09/23:** 9:30 Harvest Festival Church Service  
Children will be walking to Holy Trinity Church—you are very welcome to join us for this service.
- 5/10/23:** 9:05am Y1 Harvest assembly (parents welcome)
- 13/10/23:** 9:05am Y3 BHM assembly (parents welcome)  
Individual school photographs
- 17/10/23 & 19/10/23:** Parents' evening
- 20/10/23:** INSET day (School closed)
- HALF TERM 23/10/23– 27/10/23**

Love  
Joy  
Courage  
Truth



Flourish

LET YOUR  
LIGHT SHINE!

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year and a very special welcome to all our new families joining us this year! I do hope you all had a wonderful summer. I saw many children (and parents) skipping in to school this week which is always a good sign!

Walking around school, I can see that children are settled and excited for yet another wonderful year of learning at Park Street. You will be able to find out more about what your child will be learning this year through our 'meet the teacher' mornings (see diary dates). Each session will be 09.00-09.30 in your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. If you cannot attend, you will still receive the information from the class teacher.

Hopefully you have all managed to sign your children up to some of the exciting extra-curricular activities we have on offer, including: street dance, netball, Lego plus many more. Don't forget we also have affordable wraparound care at Park Street. Look further on in this newsletter for the new and (delicious!) Autumn term menu.

Enjoy the remaining sunny days over the weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Best wishes,  
Monique Gregory  
Headteacher

WELCOME  
BACK!

## Absence procedures

Attendance at school is extremely important and there is a proven connection between success at school and high attendance. However, we understand that there will be occasions when children are unwell.

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please inform the office as soon as possible (ideally before 9:30am) You can report an absence by calling the office (01727872158) and **pressing option 1**, or sending an email to [absence@parkstreet.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@parkstreet.herts.sch.uk)

If we do not hear from you, we will:

1. Make a phone call to the main contact numbers to ascertain a reason for absence.
2. If there is no response after multiple tries, you may receive a home visit from a member of staff and/or we may need to consider seeking advice from Children's Social Care.

These procedures are to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe.

### Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS IN A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 DAYS ABSENCE 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	18 DAYS ABSENCE 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	29 DAYS ABSENCE (A TERM MISSED) 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	38 DAYS ABSENCE 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	47 DAYS ABSENCE 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<b>Good</b> Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		<b>Worrying</b> Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		<b>Serious Concern</b> Not fair on your child.	

## Contact details

Please remember to notify the school office of any changes in your contact details, including home addresses. Please send an email to [admin@parkstreet.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@parkstreet.herts.sch.uk) or visit the school office. Please ensure we have at least two emergency contact details.



## Medical Information Update

Could we ask parents/carers to update the school with any changes to their children's medical needs. It is important for the school to keep up-to-date medical records. Thank you.



### Nut-Free School

We would also like to kindly remind you that we are a nut-free school due to the number of children now in school with epipens for nut allergies. Please do not send peanut butter, Nutella or similar, nutty cereal bars or nut milk alternatives such as almond milk in your children's lunch boxes or for snacks, even for school trips. Thank you.

## PARK STREET C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

### RECEPTION OPEN TOURS

We always welcome parents who would like to have a look at our wonderful school before applying for a place here. We hold Open Mornings for Reception and Nursery places for the following September, but please contact the school office by email or telephone to book a tour at another time.



'Children benefit from a strong curriculum in early years'

OFSTED, November 2021

#### EYFS TOUR DATES 2023:

**TUESDAY 10TH OCT, 9:30AM**

**THURSDAY 2ND NOV, 9:30AM**

**WEDNESDAY 6TH DEC, 1:45PM**



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## Park Street After School Club

### Food Menu

Meals served after 4:30pm

#### Week 1

Monday: Beans on toast

Tuesday: Cheese toastie

Wednesday: Veggie hotdogs

Thursday: Pizza

Friday: Crumpets with butter or jam



#### Week 2

Monday: Spaghetti hoops on toast

Tuesday: Cheese wrap

Wednesday: Tomato pasta

Thursday: Pizza

Friday: Soup



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## Free School Meals

### Children in year 3 or older

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes **5 mins** and in most cases we can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx#year3>